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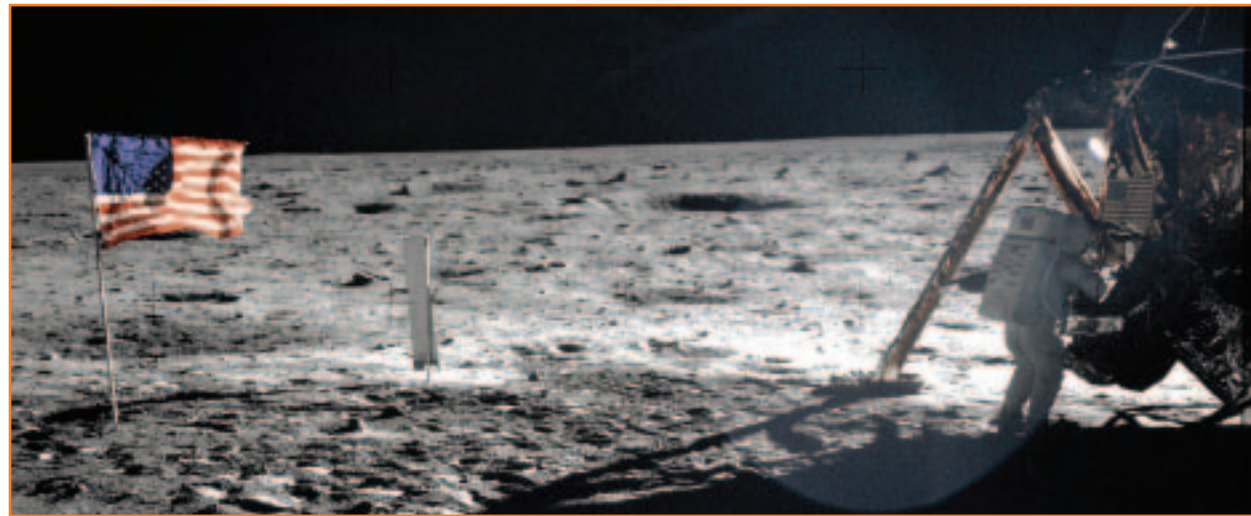
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'First Man'

Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon, is at the right in this historic NASA photograph. Armstrong is again in the nation's spotlight as a result of a new biography by History Professor James Hansen of AU. The book is the first biography authorized by the reclusive former astronaut.

AU professor's book on first man on the moon hits stores this week

More than 36 years after Neil Armstrong took his famous first step on the moon, historian James Hansen of Auburn is launching a first of his own – the first authorized biography of the enigmatic astronaut. Hansen's book, "First Man: The Life of Neil Armstrong," will hit shelves Tuesday.

The book details Armstrong's life including his boyhood in Ohio, his time as a student at Purdue University and his accomplishments as an engineer.

"Neil is a lot more than just an astronaut," Hansen said. "He was an astronaut for just eight years. He's a professional engineer and a test pilot, and he flew 78 combat missions in the Korean War."

It has been nearly three years since Hansen, a professor of history in the AU College of Liberal Arts, began work on the book and he said its release is somewhat bittersweet. "I'm glad it is finished, and this is such an exciting time in my life. But at the same time it is a little melancholy

because this is sort of like saying goodbye to the work in some way."

Hansen said he is happy with the way the book turned out and with the reviews, which have been very good. But perhaps the best and most important endorsement he has received came from Armstrong himself.

"Neil read all the way through it and said he thought it was a great book," Hansen said. "That means a lot to me because this book does not hold back any punches. It is a three-dimensional look at his life, warts and all."

Hansen said it was important to both himself and Armstrong that the work be an independent scholarly biography and not hero worship.

Published by Simon & Schuster, the book is 780 pages, including about 100 pages of notes, acknowledgments, an index and a bibliography.

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"I wanted it to pass muster as a scholarly work," he said. Hansen's interviews with Armstrong will be placed in an archive at Purdue University along with all of Armstrong's personal papers.

The book also includes a montage of photos of Armstrong on the back cover as well as three photo inserts inside. Hansen had access to Armstrong's personal photo album and selected many previously unpublished pictures for "First Man."



James Hansen

Hansen also selected the cover photo and named the book. "I think it is important to have a cover that communicates the central message of the book. And the title 'First Man' can be applied in so many ways to Armstrong's life," he said.

The AU professor specializes in the history of science and technology and the impact of science and technology on society. He has published eight other books, but none have had the impact on popular culture comparable to that of "First Man," which has already created a lot of media attention in advance of its release.

Hansen will appear with Armstrong on the CBS newsmagazine program "60 Minutes" on Nov. 6. He will also soon be on a 20-city book tour and has numerous radio interviews scheduled.

The publisher has deals for the book's release in China, Japan, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and Croatia, and is making arrangements to publish the book in other countries.

Warner Brothers Studios has an option for the film rights to the book, and Hansen has met with Oscar-winning director and actor Clint Eastwood to discuss adapting the book for the screen. "I am still



keeping my fingers crossed that Eastwood will be interested," Hansen said. "I think he would make it into an outstanding film and a vehicle to study American hero worship."

In spite of the hype and excitement surrounding the release on Tuesday, Hansen said the day will start like any other for him – teaching his 8 a.m. class. "I really wanted to be at home in Auburn," Hansen said of the big day.

But that evening the tour begins with a 7 p.m. signing at Books-A-Million, where he'll celebrate the culmination of three years worth of work.

Hansen is also scheduled for a public reading from the book in Special Collections in Draughon Library at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Weaver named acting associate dean in College of Education, succeeds Rowsey

Andrew Weaver, head of the Department of Curriculum and Teaching in AU's College of Education, has been named the college's acting associate dean for administration.

"I am so pleased and grateful to Dr. Weaver for agreeing to serve the college as associate dean for administration," said Dean Frances Kochan. "I know he will do a wonderful job and I look forward to working with him in his new role."

Kochan served in that position before being named dean earlier this year. The associate dean assists the dean on budget, personnel and financial

matters, administers programs and manages daily operations of the college.

Weaver will serve as acting associate dean on a part-time basis while maintaining his role as a professor and department head, a position he has held for 22 years.

He has been a faculty member at Auburn since 1960. He earned his doctorate of education and his master's degree from the University of Tennessee and his bachelor's degree from Tennessee Tech University — all with an emphasis in social science education.

Upcoming Events

Continuing

EXHIBITION "Quilts of Gee's Bend," Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art, through Dec. 4

EXHIBITION "Momentary Traceries," mixed media response by Nikkole Huss to the "Quilts of Gee's Bend," Biggin Gallery, through Nov. 11

Tuesday, October 18

MEETING University Faculty, 3 p.m., Broun Hall auditorium

PUBLIC LECTURE "Quilting Stitch Patterns of Gee's Bend," Tracey Olenick, associate professor, costume design, AU Theatre, 4 p.m., JSC Museum

AU THEATRE "Defying Gravity," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Telfair Peet Theatre; Box Office 844-4154; online see <http://media.cla.auburn.edu/theatre>

EXHIBITION "Faces of a Nation," Ecuadorian street scenes, photos by Jeff Etheridge, AU Photo Services, Telfair Peet Theatre Gallery, through Saturday, Oct. 22

Wednesday, October 19

MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATION "Amor y Dolor (Love and Pain)," examining struggles of Mayan descendants for survival in Chiapas, Mexico, photojournalist Alyx Kellington, noon (bring your lunch), Foy 213.

PUBLIC READING History Professor James Hansen, selections from his book, "First Man: The Life of Neil A. Armstrong," 4 p.m., Special Collections, Draughon Library

Thursday, October 20

MEETING Administrative and Professional Assembly, discussion and vote on changes to A&P Constitution, 3 p.m., Foy 213

CURATOR'S CHOICE Film Series "The Quiltmakers of Gee's Bend," 7 p.m., JCS Museum

FACULTY RECITAL Bill Schaffer on horn, 7:30 p.m., Goodwin Hall

Monday, October 24

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News notes

Eric Ludgood, vice president of CNN International, was on campus for several days this month visiting faculty, staff and students, attending Outreach events and speaking to classes in the Department of Communication and Journalism. Ludgood, a 1978 graduate of Auburn, is shown speaking to a journalism class taught by Dale Harrison.

A&P members argue merits of proposed constitution change

The Administrative and Professional Assembly has called a special meeting of all administrative and professional employees of AU for 3 p.m. Thursday in Foy 213 to discuss and vote on a proposal to remove the section on grievance policy from the A&P Constitution. All administrative and professional staff members of AU are eligible to participate and vote on the resolution. Information on the policy and proposed change is online at www.auburn.edu/administration/governance/ap/Minutes/ap081105.htm. Below are statements from A&P members supporting and opposing the proposed change.

Pro

Allow Assembly to respond quicker

By Drew Burgering, Chair-Elect, A&P Assembly
According to the Constitution of the Administrative and Professional Assembly, Section 3: Purpose, "The Assembly will be an advisory body to the President." The Assembly has no power to create university policy, but can make recommendations to the president for his approval.

Including a grievance policy in the A&P Constitution has no real effect on the University Grievance Policy. The university president is the only one who can approve any change.

Removing the grievance policy from the constitution does not affect who can suggest a change in the policy; the Assembly can still recommend changes in the policy to the president. Through the A&P grievance committee, the A&P membership controls the grievance of its own members, which will remain in the constitution.

Removing the grievance policy from the constitution will remove a policy that is not binding on the administration and thus allow a quicker response by the Assembly in the future.

Con

Policy is in constitution for a reason

By Cara Mia Pugh, Former A&P Representative
Please talk with your representative and former A&P chairs about both the positive and negative points of removing the grievance policy from the constitution.

Some past members are pointing out that removing the grievance procedures from the constitution would change a document created by professionals who felt very strongly that a grievance policy should only be changed by a constitutional amendment and not by whichever Executive Committee or Assembly members are in place at a given time.

Former representatives are urging employees to find out the nature of the procedures for changing the grievance policy if it is removed from the constitution; what happens if A&P employees disagree with the changes; and, basically, who controls the policy once it is removed.

The A&P Assembly, like the University Senate, has its own constitution and operating procedures. Any changes should be given careful consideration.

Auburn starting deskside campaign to separate recyclables from trash

AU will launch a deskside recycling campaign in 12 campus buildings starting Thursday with Draughon Library.

Other buildings to join the program in coming weeks will include Spidle, Comer, Funchess, Duncan, Rouse, Thach, Tichenor, Wallace, Haley, Lowder and Forestry. For the Lowder and Funchess buildings, recycling efforts involve expanding a pilot project that began last spring.

The recycling project will be simple, using a method that has proved effective at other campuses across the United States, said Recycling Coordinator Donnie Addison.

Each office in the 12 buildings will have two "trash" cans. One will be specially marked to hold waste paper, magazines, newspapers, file folders (with metal removed), phone books, small cardboard items, aluminum or steel cans, plastic bottles and other recyclable materials.

The other can will be for disposal of items such as Styrofoam, sticky notes, wax paper, glass, food-contaminated items, facial tissue and similar materials that cannot be recycled.



Recycling "trash" cans

Richelle Mask recycles old newsprint in a specially marked recycling container at her desk in Draughon Library. Most offices in 12 campus buildings will have two "trash" cans with one marked for recyclables and the other for trash slated for a landfill. The recycling project starts in the library on Thursday.

"A lot of people don't recycle because of the time involved and the need to sort items for recycling, but that is not a problem with this approach," said Addison. "All your recyclables can go in the same bin, and only a few things cannot be recycled, so you won't have to do a lot of sorting."

Custodial workers will empty the recyclable and trash containers on alternate days. To avoid leaving the food in their offices for two days, Addison suggested that people take food waste to trash cans in hallways, rest rooms or lounge areas.

Addison said another new effort at recycling has proved very successful this semester. A recycling campaign at Jordan-Hare Stadium and vicinity on football Saturdays has collected 4.5 tons of disposable aluminum cans and plastic bottles over the first five football games this season.

The "Caught Recycling" project is promoted through announcements in the stadium as well as markings on the collection dumpsters. An enticing part of the project for some fans has been the offer of souvenir football helmets autographed by Coach Tommy Tuberville to two persons "caught recycling" on each game day.

Addison attributed the project's success to support from Facilities and the Athletic Department and volunteers from the Environmental Awareness Organization, recreation organizations and the Student Government Association.

The AU Recycling Program is also launching a project to recycle wood shipping pallets instead of sending them to a landfill. Addison is asking units to call him when they are ready to dispose of wood pallets and he will remove them within one business day.

For more information on the Recycling Program, contact Addison at 844-9461 or by e-mail at addisdt@auburn.edu.

Laster wins 2005 Sheffield Award for service to Auburn

Local resident Carol Clark Laster is the 2005 winner of AU's Pamela Wells Sheffield Award for service and commitment to the university.

A retired Birmingham junior high science teacher, Laster is a benefactor of Auburn athletics, AU's Southeastern Raptor Center and the AU Marching Band. She has donated at least \$1 million to the university in amounts of \$500,000 to the Raptor Center and \$500,000 for renovations of AU's baseball facilities and AU Marching Band scholarship endowments.

"I wanted to do something for Auburn and do something that would always be here," she said.

Nursing gets OK for new degree

The Alabama Commission on Higher Education has approved a new master's degree in nursing to be jointly administered by Auburn and AU Montgomery.

The program addresses a growing shortage of nursing faculty in Alabama and nationally.

Barbara Witt, dean of nursing at AU and AUM, said the new degree program differs from other nursing master's programs in the state because it will prepare nurses for jobs as educators rather than clinicians.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing states that 33,000 qualified applicants were turned away from nursing schools nationwide in 2004 due primarily to a shortage of faculty.

How Auburn Stacks Up

Native American enrollment at AU since fall 2000



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